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Don't worry, it's only me again, with another issue of the inexorable, inexplicable, inebriate zina "Damn the Consequences". This is your old friend

Brendan Whyte of

96 Waiaatarua Rd, Remuera, Auckland 5, NEW ZEALAND on the phone at 64-9-5244307.

I am not on email, but my mother is, and in EMERGENCIES I can be reached via her at selwyn@iconz.co.nz. The problem is, she works at a school, so if you email during a holiday period, there is no guarantee the message will reach her or me until after it. Bummer, eh? So mail or phone your orders early.

Not much room for an editorial this time, as I got an overwhelming response to the last one. Thankyou to all those who wrote. On the home front the news is good and bad. My younger brother Douglas has flown to Iowa to do an MS and PhD in physiology at Uni Iowa in Iowa City. As it is summer break, he is a little lonely, as it is a college town of 10,000 people, and the students are all away. He is working for his supervisor before term begins in September. His flatmate has a TV that doesn't pick up any stations, so they can only watch videos, and his fellow PhD students are all from China with families, so he is left out on language, culture and situational grounds. If anyone wants to email him and say hi, or suggest friends/recreation there, contact him on:

whyted@physlog-po.physlog.uiowa.edu

Me? I was made redundant as a tutor when the semester finished mid-June. I did 2 days work as registrar for the national statistics conference, and another 2 researching employees of Firestone tyres in the 1960s in Christchurch. It was interesting, as the occupation "rubber worker" was a classification in the electoral rolls, so I had a list of 700 odd names to try and find in each of the 9 or 10 electorates around Christchurch 1957-1970. This was long and tedious, but real detective work (eh, Pitt?). As some were Italians, I only found their wives in the roll, but I found the men listed in the Wises city directories, along with occupation, which formed a backup resource. I guess some Italian immigrants had married locals, but didn't get citizenship for a while themselves, so only their wives were in the roll, although the men, as householders, were in the city directory. This week I am unemployed again, although from 28 July I will be back tutoring I hope, unless one of the other dozen jobs I have applied for meantime wants me. I did obtain a job waiting at Eden Park and North Harbour Stadium, but it is casual work only, the first date being the South African rugby test on 9 August. All of \$8.50/hr, and I have to buy my own black and whites, and get transport to Albany for it! It'll take me several sessions to pay off the clothes! Luckily I had a dinner suit donated to me last week from a dead sailor, so I have the pants and jacket. Now all I need is a regiment to join to wear it properly!

I am having difficulty typing because I was knocked off my bike 2 days ago by a car reversing out of its drive. The women, my age, was more hurt than I was, although I flew over the handlebars. I could not believe that I was so unhurt, the bike also. I took the tops off 2 fingers on my left hand, so typing and wiping my bum are a little tricky. Lots of blood but no adrenaline or pain. The lady was very nice and so apologetic, but I guess I shouldn't have been hurtling downhill on the footpath.

I went to the observatory last night, sorry, the STAR DOME!!! (Say it in a deep booming voice with dramatic intent), which has been nicely revamped. For \$9 you get a show on comets (at present) followed by a planetarium presentation on the night sky, and then a video on the space shuttle. There is an excellent book and giftshop too, with kids stuff, but also professional texts and guides, and great posters. For \$3 extra you get an hour at the big telescope, but it was too cloudy when I went. The poor guide asked for questions, and besides the adults' "What is between the stars?" (answer: about 3 atoms per cubic metre), there were lots of small kids, one of whom repeated the questions the adults asked, and another who asked "Why are dinosaurs green?". A pity the guide didn't answer "Because the skin absorbs all visible radiation except that between 500 to 550 nm!" The daytime shows are for kids, and a 7:30 pm show is hardly going to keep them happy in the dark for an hour! Some parents have NO consideration. I can see I will become a delightfully cantankerous old man... ☹☹☹

My NZ Railway Rivals game was rejected by Holdsons as "too complicated", so I will try elsewhere with it. Meanwhile I am very pleased with my African Rail version of British Rails, and am working on German and Chinese versions. The New Zealand version needs work: it is too long and thin to fit an economic map size, and needs more emphasis on outlying provinces like Westland and Taranaki that playtesting revealed were never built to. Ditto East Prussia on the German map. The Chinese one is untested yet, but looks more balanced.

My spellcheck suggests WETLAND OR WASTELAND for WESTLAND. Hmm... ☺

Letter Column:

Ben Lewis, 123 Chelmsford St, Invercargill:

Hello, I am a 17 year old student from Invercargill, and I am very interested in playing Diplomacy by mail. I have never played postal dip before but have played the board game. I can never find enough people to play with on a regular basis, so I'd really like to play by mail.

[Hello Ben! First, may I ask where you got my name from? Do you have internet/email access? I'm glad you wrote, it is very pleasing to see young people still learning to play and wanting to get into postal play (the old guys complain the hobby is dying) I am 26 and have published this postal Dip zine for 10 years now, and for \$2/month, you can join in as many games as you care to. As you can see from the address list, we have people mainly from Auckland, but one in Dunedin and a few elsewhere, and world-wide. Brandon Clarke (see his letter later) has lots of info on playing by email or on internet judges. But for straight postal games, one turn a month, at minimum cost,

I'm your man. I hope you'll subscribe (send a cheque) and join our happy throng! Are you at school, uni or working? Is there a games/Dip club in Invercargill?]

Pitt Crandlemire, Brookline, Ma, USA:

Do you have plans to attend World Dip Con VIII in Chapel Hill (NC) in 1998? Be nice to see you again.

[My plans include it, but are dependent on job and thus money. I certainly want to be there, as I can visit my bro. on the way, and catch up with you Americans again. If I get into Malbourne Uni next year, I may be able to swing it too... we'll see. Of course, any help with getting there would secure my undying devotion to the Furtherment of Crandlemire Megalomania Inc! Thank you for getting money to the St Valentines Day Massacre people. This is a game played on the latest Rand McNelly Road Atlas of the US. They send you the atlas and instructions for travelling along roads, and ask questions about where you are and what you see, answerable totally from the atlas into (so a non-American like me has an equal chance). The bonus is you get to keep the atlas! This year, the 34th the contest has run, with 1000 entrants each year, a midyear, half price race was run starting Independence Day (4 July) for a month, travelling North to South, instead of the usual East-West, using the atlas from the February race. Instructions are like "Go south on odd numbered US highway after having gone through county whose name comprises 6 letters. Turn on even numbered state highway after having seen interchange 2 of whose number's digits are even" Questions are like "Which of these do you see first: last, conquest, jasmine, hills? How many US highway symbols do you go through?" Instructions are written so that it is possible to make a mistake but still follow the next 3 or 4 instructions before you realise you are wrong, and then have to sort out where you did it. I came 28th of 1043 entrants in the beginners class in February, but am lost halfway through this one. Write to Massacre, PO Box 53, Le Canada, Ce 91012, USA for more info;]

To Tom Howell, Wa, USA: [A certain Pete Reuch of Weterstown, Ma, won my North island trip in the PDORA auction. I wrote to him, but have not heard back yet. You'll have to bid more next time, I'm such a popular favourite as tour guide. \$5 in any currency just doesn't cut it for my trips! @@@]

Evan Nettrass, Palmerston North

Hey, right on with your editorial. I've passed it on to a few teacher friends of mine whom I thought might be interested in it - one of them is a maths teacher - and they have all experienced similar problems coming through university as well as now in schools. As you point out, even local English standards have fallen. I know of one young man who, having been awarded his Bachelor's degree and then completing a year at Taecher's College would not be employed by one school until he had taken a remedial spelling course!

Back to your games. Do you have Dixie (Bull Run and Shiloh)? I'm missing a few and have a number of swaps available as well - they didn't produce factory sets when I first got them (at a local Mark Ona clearance sale) Perhaps mutual benefit is possible?

[Ah, you have seen the problem first hand then! Spelling it seems is es passé as grammar to teachers today, and even at uni level, the HOOs I have spoken to don't seem to care. Me, I'd fail a student who couldn't construct and spell a meaningful sentence. We had a written component in the stage 2 stats exam this year, but while 5 marks were for 'style', only one was for spelling/grammar, out of 20. Nevertheless, the average mark for this was 7/20, but 16% of the kids got A+ as a final grade!! I am constantly told that the stats dept teaches stats not spelling. It is that head-in-the-sand attitude, and lack of all-round education that is killing this country. We don't even really teach stats anymore, just interpreting computer output. None of the stage 2 kids could calculate a standard deviation without a calculator and formula, and at stage 1 I get kids halfway through the course writing "the probability is 3000" and not realising it is wrong! The tendency is to accept computer/calculator output as correct and not question an answer or guesstimate it first as a basic check on the output. Few kids have read their calculator manuals and ask for help on which buttons to use to take square roots. We are breeding a generation that is eu fail with technology but has no idea how to use it unless it is just putting numbers into formula or boxes. Did I mention that we failed 10% of a stage 2 class for copying: all Asians. They admitted paying someone outside the course to do their assignment, and then all copied it, mistakes and all. Pathetic. Another student begged his girlfriend to show him how she'd done a question. She lent him her assignment, and he passed it around all of his friends, who slavishly copied it exactly. She was furious to see she'd been zeroed for a good assignment, and apparently her parents had words with his parents and he's in big doodoo. So he should be, and I hope the close-knittedness of the Asian community makes him more sensible, and he passes the message onto his friends. The privacy act is quoted by HOOs as preventing us informing parents of the transgressions ourselves, which I think would soon correct the problem, and I am told it is illegal as 'cruel and unusual punishment' to read out names of copyists in class, either as punishment, or just "would these people see the Professor after class?". I call it bureaucratic self-castration. No one has got the balls to do anything in fear of being 'racist' or humiliating someone. A little humiliation works wonders for justice in my experience (from both ends of the gun).]

Pete Duxon, Essex, UK:

Do I detect a desire to see me contribute to your rag? [[That's illustrious journal to you]] It's been a bit hectic here of late. I've been up to Wales for 4 days (I could get used to being waited on) and I've got to produce a

zine this weekend as a favour to a friend. I didn't find your editorial particularly racist. It wasn't politically correct but that's a different matter. I would have expected a common standard for a degree. There seems to be a lot of Americans over here at universities, usually Oxford or Cambridge. What would happen to someone who claims to be a native Maori speaker? Then again what happens to a native Welsh speaker over here? I found it odd driving round and seeing signs in two languages. Wales is a beautiful country though. I note that I'm your only UK subscriber. Have you ever tried to get into the UK hobby? Didn't James Hardy try to get you to see his rag?

[I didn't know James was a pubber. I have had one or two UK subbers over the years, and started DTC after a friend down the road got a pile of UK zines sent over from the zine bank in the mid 80s. That's where I got Sopwith from, and heard of united, En Guardie and worked out how to run them. I dread to think of road signs in Maori, but seeing as it is an official language, I can't see why the activists haven't tried. They claim the TV and radio waves and all introduced fish under the Treaty! Imagine a large red octagonal sign with Stop/Kati. Hey John, what's Maori for "Passing lane only"? Already all government offices have Maori names, and activists always claim to need an interpreter in court. Alamein Kopu has declared she will only use Maori when addressing Parliament in future. That will REALLY help them! I think learning Maori and English should be compulsory so that we become bilingual, and able to gabble away incomprehensibly to Europeans who can leap into Finnish or Dutch when they want to be private now. But learning Maori as a first tongue to the detriment of English is stupid and it's no wonder Maori are underprivileged if parents insist on their kids learning that. Few of the adults can speak or read English particularly well as it is. Then they blame us for it! Talking of Alamein, anyone noticed a tendency for Maori to name their kids after battles they fought in. My mum grew up in rural Maori schools and had classmates called Cassino, Mersa (as in Matruh) and Alamein. Did Welsh or Red Indian or other groups do this too?]

Greg White, Australia

Regarding your editorial bit and the 'descent' pass needed in ESL etc. I do hope that this was deliberate. If not you would be best to lie and say it was...

Regarding Hamlet. A superb production (I saw the full length cut). The four hours is split into 2.5 and 1.5 hours split by intermission. The set, costumes and cast are all wonderful (as usual with Branagh productions). Definitely recommended (I will be interested to see the shorter version to see what is cut and how it affects the fluidity of the plot).

DAA: Do you have any contacts for this? Or do other subscribers?

Eagles card game: I have a very near to a full set of Shiloh and Bull Run and bought 4 or 5 Eagles starters. They are both very fine games (Eagles obviously the better for its extra dimensions) and wonderfully presented cards too. I hope you get your set.

PS I sit down to watch the soccer. I shall take the opportunity to rub in the inevitable result, and as for the rugby next weekend...

[And as for the rugby? Ha! Thumped yas! Who cares about a poofy soccer game where you can't grab a man by his shorts or handle the ball? We'll leave that to you Ockers whom I believe had so much confusion over the idea of a 'corner' that you had to invent your own national game with a round field, and extra goalpost either side of the main one, so that your inaccurate kicking still netted you some points!]

But I cannot tell a lie. My spellchecker failed to pick up the mistake that I should have anyway. I am blasted! I repent fully and lash myself with 100 strokes of a rubber in penance. Funny how the only people to point it out are the Australians.. must be a result of the Bledisloe cup game, huh?

Eagles: I loved the artwork. A couple of the Dixie pictures look like scarecrows. See above for someone to trade with, and Brandon Clarke below for DAA info. My games are still at sea. I rang NZ Post again, and the nice man there rechecked with the deadletter office, and went through all the possibilities with me, what would happen to the mail if it lost its label at any point, and ended by saying that an M-bag as I described would be remembered by the staff, and they had none unclaimed in the last year. Excellent service. He wondered why the USPS had never even acknowledged my search requests despite repeated letters, but had no phone number for them. I rang directory service here, who put me through to a US operator, he gave me a number. No answer. I rang Telecom again, and got a different number despite asking the same question and not referring to the previous call. Again no reply. Same again the third time. The fourth number got an answer, and the lady there gave me the International Enquiries Office number. The black lady who answered (why are all USPS workers black, uptight and obnoxious?) refused to tell me what steps they had taken to look for my parcel, and said I should have enquired with NZ post first (I had, and told her). Now I had used the wrong forms (why didn't they send me the correct ones then? Why did they not write to me at all in 8 months?). Now all she knew was that they didn't have it and if 3 of 4 had arrived the forth must "also be in Australia". I think that was my answer! She did deign to give me the address of the deadletter office, but assured me that they didn't have the authority to open mail, so that if the label came off my bag, they could not trace an owner. Besides, they destroyed unclaimed mail. It was probably burnt by now. Or in Australia.

So I have written to the Deadletter office (what the hell do they do if they can't open the mail? They do here!) and the Postmaster General requesting a full refund of postage, parcel value and telephone bill, AND to Australia Post in case they have it due to the ineptitude of the USPS to employ people who know where and what New Zealand is. I did tell you I had a letter from Pennsylvania once that took ages to arrive because it went to Tehran first, and

came to me with a US stamp and a Tehran postmark! But I will buy an Eagles factory set now they are available. I believe Military simulations in Melbourne have them all at reasonable rates. They were selling Dixie factory sets at \$50 up, on special, last catalogue issue. Did you notice how I haven't commented on your grammar mister? ☺

David Addison, also Australian, but forgiven.

The Art of Being Picky [oh not you too!] In your diatribe (read editorial) on the NZ education system [nah, gatcha! We have non system, just an unconnected series of institutions you spend the formative years of your life in while being told either that honouring the Treaty will cure all your ills, or that you personally are responsible for the evils of the world in the last 200 years.] you suggest a recognised ESL exam as a solution to language problems, an ideal I agree with. However I do think DECENT grades over DESCENT would be preferable. Good review sweet prince [oh ar...] while I know little about Ken's Hamlet is going in the US, I can offer some observations from across the Tasman. Yes, there is a 90min version as well as the 4hour one. Both were released in Australia; the 4hr version in a (very) limited season, replaced a few weeks ago by the short version in a (relatively) widespread release. Interestingly enough it seems the full film is going to get another (more open) run at the box office, more people want to see the whole thing than the truncated version. As for the 'interval for bladder relief' one occurs about 2/3 of the way through, meaning part one is long but bearable (about the limit of most people's attention spans I think) and part 2 seems an easy ride to the end. Apparently the film couldn't have been made without an interval, it's physically longer than what is possible to store on one reel. One final note, apparently the 4hr version took a total of A\$500,000 during its run here, not bad for a film with supposedly 'limited market appeal'.

[I admit I haven't seen it yet, because I'm not prepared to pay good money to see a version the director didn't want to do. I will get the full one on video where I suspect it will make lots of money from schools and unis buying it for reference material, being the only full version on film. I hope the countryside is flatter (ie more Danish) than that in Gibson's version. Have you seen "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are dead"? It's by Tom Stoppard and is a brilliant play about 2 minor characters, and what they do and are, while the play goes on around them. For an American view, see below...]

Conrad von Metzke, Sandy Dago, USA

...[where he goes on about some decrepit typewriter he decides to use, then claims he had to plug it in. I used to lick road clean w/tongue, myself...] I understand your point about Quentin Tarantino and the anonymity of the "Lion King" director (whom I cannot name to be sure) but perhaps you've picked a bad pairing to make your point. Name the director of ANY cartoon. More to the point, name the director of any cartoon produced under the aegis of a conglomerate studio such as Disney where individual participation (apart from the 'stars' who do the voices) are intentionally kept to some extent in the background to preserve the overall Corporate image. Further, it is perhaps unfair of you to select an extreme such as Mr. Tarantino, who goes out of his way (or his publicists do) to cultivate an outrageous and excessive image, presumably resulting in increased gross (pun intended). Still your underlying point is quite valid; why don't the guys who do the better job get the greater credit? Because crass commercialism doesn't work that way.

Branagh's "Hamlet" has come and gone, and was generally a complete failure. Reviews were mixed, tending to the poor but not overwhelmingly; of our local critics, the one whom I most respect (though with whom I frequently do not agree) gave it his worst score, the 'black spot' as opposed to 'has some merit' evidenced from 1 to 5 stars. As to the decline in short films being shown in advance of the feature (mostly it was cartoons here: Bugs Bunny or the Pink Panther) and why the 4hr films don't work, it's called "money". In the span of a 4hr film a theatre (sic) can show a 2hr film twice, with double the paying revenue; and to show a short subject one must first pay somebody for the rights. We wouldn't wish to subject the managers to reduced revenues now, would we?

[I noticed you spelled/spelt theatre our way, not yours? Was this for my benefit, or due to your lack of proofing? My bad pairing was from an article I read in SHOCK HORROR "Reader's Digest", that fountain of elucidation on today's complex issues... or was it "Grapevine"? I used to know the producer/director of the Hanna Barbara and Loony Tunes cartoons, because I watched so many and the names were always the same. Fritz Lang springs to mind.. was he one? Funny how the US and Australia have different reactions to Hamlet. But then Shakespeare is English. I saw "Death of a Salesman" with Dustin Hoffman on video. It was done in the style of a play, with play-like sets, not realistic film ones, and the lighting and acting were all just like the play on stage. In fact the cast was from a Broadway production I believe. How did that fare in the US? The plot and style are a hardly blockbuster box-office bonanza (hey, I should do "Sun" Leaders!). I take it you never saw the film yourself. Was this a result of the critic, its short run, or your own decision/interest? Me, I'm just cheap and will wait for the video, which is a better way to see a long film, too. I loved Much Ado about Nothing, and Othello and Henry V. How did these go down? While money is the main reason the theatre operators are in the business, I am glad to be in NZ as we get UK, US and Australian cinema, which people see because it is good cinema. I suspect in the US (and certainly found in LA) that anything made outside Hollywood, had to be seen, if at all shown, only at arty cinemas. The same for TV, although increasingly that medium is filled with banal US sitcoms and infomercials. I used to respect Fran Tarkenton...

I enjoyed "Clerks", but can't understand why the chappie was allowed to make "Mallrats" which got favourable reviews in the US. It was execrable. Did you see it? DON'T! ☹☹☹]

Brandon Clarke, 1/2 Moon Bay, Auckland

BRAVO!!!! Well written, not hysterical, balanced, and insightful on some issues, especially racism and Pcness, that it is not kosher to talk about.

A comment on racism: I believe that it is desirable that people don't discriminate on the basis of skin colour. However some people do, and I'm one of them. I don't like Maori and Pacific Islanders, and neither do I like Asians. I know that is not very PC, but it is also the truth. I don't like it, but it's the truth. I think it is better for me to accept that I'm not perfect, and admit to myself that I do prejudice those people, than it is to pretend that I don't in order to avoid offending society's preconceptions and values. I'm much happier as a person now that I have accepted I am racist, than before when I was trying to pretend that I wasn't. I have several Polynesian close friends, esil with an Asian who I also think of as a good friend. I recently had a girlfriend who was Samoan. I don't preclude people based on race, but I do have some stereotypical preconceptions, which I admit and allow for.

Right! Glad I got that off my chest. Onwards. Firstly let me correct a mistake I made in my letter last month. I said that the ANZAC judge and mailing list I mentioned were run by Bob Blanchett, which they are. However, I gave his email address as bob@iname.com. The man whose email address is bob@iname.com doesn't like me or my language (I said damn in one of my emails I accidentally sent him!). He doesn't know about or understand this game called Diplomacy, and if the people who play it speak like I do, he doesn't want to either! Bob Blanchett's email address is actually bobblanchett@iname.com. Oops!

As to recent traffic on the ozdip-l mailing list: I have caused quite a storm on the mailing list recently. Readers of rec.games.diplomacy may have seen a thread titled 'Rules question' which discussed the following situation. For those of you who have been through this before, my apologies.

Austria: A BOH - TYR
A VIE S A BOH - TYR
A TRI S (GERMAN) A TYR - VEN

Germany: A TYR - VEN
A MUN S A BOH - TYR

Italy: A VEN - TYR
A PIE S A VEN - TYR

What happens? The vast majority (it seems) argues that Rule IX.3. SELF DISLODGMNT PROHIBITED means the support from Munich is invalid, so it's A BOH strength 2 vs. A VEN strength 2 - a standoff, and A TYR is a beleaguered garrison under Rule IX.5. BELEAGUERED GARRISON.

I beg to differ, and after many many email exchanges with people all over the world have refined my argument, which I now lay out for you here. I would welcome your comments.

Rule IX.2. EFFECT OF SUPPORT states that A unit moves with the strength of itself and all its valid supports. Unless it is opposed by a unit equally well or better supported, it may make it's move.

Rule IX.3. SELF DISLODGMNT PROHIBITED has two parts to it. In the first part, which deals with the situation where a power's units are moving into a space that one of the same power's units failed to vacate. No argument there. It says:

"The order would still be valid for other purposes, however, such as standing off an equally well or less well supported attack on the same space by units of other countries."

The second part of the rule deals with the situation where power A is supporting Power B to move to a space that a unit of power A failed to vacate. It follows the quoted section in the preceding paragraph as follows:

"Similarly, an order by one country which supports an attack by another country against a space occupied by one of the first country's units does not permit a move dislodging that unit, but may be valid for other purposes."

Now before I start, let me say I fully understand, and agree with the interpretation that says the Support from Munich is invalid, as with it the Unit in Tyrolia is dislodged, and we all know self dislodgment is prohibited. I say that IS a valid interpretation. All I am saying is that what follows is also valid.

Firstly, I maintain that the "other purposes" (in bold) in the second part of the rule must be read as the same other purposes in the first part of the rule. Namely: "such as standing off an equally well or less well supported attack on the same space by units of other countries." If you agree with that, then it seems the rule says that the support from Munich is NOT valid for 'permitting a move dislodging [Tyrolia]' but that it is valid for 'standing off the strength two attack from Venice.

So, secondly how do you resolve the conflict. The way I've always resolved conflicts is to

- flag all the spaces that are the targets of attacks.
- identify any areas being attacked by more than one force.
- Compare the strengths of the attacking forces where there is more than one attacking force.
- The strongest attack in each case out guns the other attacks which are stood off by that better supported attack. (see rule IX.2. EFFECT OF SUPPORT above)
- Now you should be left with just one attacking force arrayed against one defending force in each flagged province.
- Resolve each conflict by comparing the strength of the attacking and defending forces.

Some of my adversaries in this argument have said that is wrong to break the conflict down into steps like that, and the rules clearly state that conflicts must be resolved simultaneously. Where? Where does it say that? It doesn't! That's where.

By following this logic, the support from Munich is valid for standing off the Italians, who therefore under Rule IX.2. never leave Venice. That leaves the attack from Bohemia vs. the defending unit in Tyrolia. The support from Munich is not valid for 'permitting the dislodgment' of Tyrolia, so at this stage we disregard it. That leaves 2 Austrian units against the in defending German unit, which consequently is dislodged, and with no valid retreats, disbands.

John Cain from Melbourne threw the following scenario at me as it apparently threw out my practice of resolving multiple conflicts first:

Italy: A TYR - VEN

A PIE S A TYR - VEN

A TUS S A TYR - VEN

A ROM S A TYR - VEN

Germany: A BOH - TYR

A MUN S A BOH - TYR

Austria: A VEN - TYR

A VIE S A VEN - TYR

A TRI S A VEN - TYR

John argues that under my doctrine Tyrolia is under multiple attack. Resolve it first. The strength 3 attack from Venice stands off the strength 2 attack from Bohemia, so Bohemia doesn't move. Now lets resolve the 1 on 1 attack in Venice. The strength 4 attack from Tyrolia defeats the strength 3 attack from Venice. result Italy gets into Venice, and Tyrolia is left vacant.

That's not quite how I see it though. Rule IX.2 EFFECT OF SUPPORT makes it quite clear that the strength 3 attack from Venice never makes it to Tyrolia as it is opposed by a better supported attack coming the other way. Hence, there are not multiple attacks against Tyrolia, there is only one - from Bohemia, which gets in, as Tyrolia gets into Venice.

I'd be interested to hear any of your views on this one.

[I interpret the first situation as Ven and Tyr trying to change places, each with one support. Therefore neither moves. Behind him, Boh is trying to move into Tyr. As this is a foreign unit, it will succeed, and, as you say, Mun's support does not count because of the beleaguered garrison rule. Thus it is academic whether Munich is in this situation or not, as Ven is stood off and Boh gets to Tyr either way. It IS interesting how different nationalities being involved in a situation can change it. As you say, Tyr is dislodged. As to the other case, certainly Tyr gets to Ven, and Boh to Tyr, and Ven is dislodged. Unfortunately in neither case do I see two ways to interpret it, only one. Any other Gms or players care to comment?]

BRENDAN AGAIN

Brendan, as discussed on the phone last night, a review of the first meeting of what we are now calling the Auckland Diplomacy Club until someone tells us there's already a club by that name.

Seven people turned up bright and early in the Quad at the University: Daniel Hurley (England); and a mate of his from Massey Uni. Simon (Turkey); myself (France); and a mate of mine; Brian Wolstenholme who was playing his first game of Diplomacy (Italy); Bevyn (Germany) and Leon Quidding (Russia); and Andrew Ward (Austria/Hungary).

The game began with me taking Munich in 1901 (oops! Tall Poppy syndrome kicked in soon thereafter) and Italy and Austria seemingly content to at least not bother each other. Russia opening with flair, sending F STP (sc) - FIN in the Spring, and then on to Sweden in the fall, while A MOS - STP was followed by A STP - FIN! Then Leon built A STP!!! I can't remember ever seeing that one before! Turkey started slowly, and England convoyed to Norway with support.

Britannia Game "Alban" Set-up round

Players are: Natrass: Romans (A), A Hood: Welsh (B), Martin: Brigantes (C) & M.Hood Belgae (D)
You all know the set up. Turn 1 is the roman invasion. Send me your moves for all your units for all your powers. I will resolve each in the proper order. Moves may be conditional upon previous players' moves/combat, and upon your own combats. Basically all I need is "1A Cornwall-Kent" or something similar. I hope it won't get too hard the first turn or two, and after that we may split each real game turn into two or more postal game turns, to simplify things. OK? Questions, see me.

QUIZ: not many entries(4/37), so I hope the rest of you will send in guesses next time!

1: Capability Brown was born Lancelot.

1/2pt to White, Crendlemire, Cheriton and Clarke.

2: He was High Sheriff of Huntingdonshire in 1770. No winners.

3: Little Battle of Chalons was fought in 1274 during a tournament when the life of Edward I was endangered by foul play. A real fight broke out between the english and French knights, and many of the latter were killed. Other battles at Chalons were fought in 271(Romans vs rebel Romans), 366 (Romans/Alemanni) and 451 (Romans/Visigoths).

2 pts for Charlton.

4: The longest international straight-line boundary is that between USA (Alaska) and Canada(Yukon), about 1050km / 650 miles, running along 41° W. The 49th parallel between the lower 48 (US) and Canada is interrupted part way by a little jump to include a small peninsula in the north of Lake of the Woods, to which the only land connection is via Canada. But the 49th is not a straight line, as it is not a great circle (unlike a line of longitude, like the 41st above). A straight line boundary means that given any 2 points on it, all intervening points are on a straight line between the two. This only happens on great circles, of which all longitudinal lines are, but only the Equator for latitude. Thus given the end points of the 49th boundary, all intervening points are a little south of the straight line.

This caused some problems in demarcation, as several hundred pillars were set up along the parallel exactly, but when intermediate pillar were needed, they were placed on a line-of-sight straight line between the original pillars. They were thus north of the border as defined by the 49th, by up to a couple of feet if the original pillar were a couple of miles apart. Not much, but enough to get the boundary definition changed to a series of line segments defined by the original pillars on the line, and not the parallel that they were situated on.

No correct answers.

5: Do, and when last did 4 countries meet at a point? At the moment, Namibia, Zambia, Botswana and Zimbabwe may meet at a point in the Zambezi River. The Caprivi Strip of namibia was designed to give Germany access to the Zambezi, but terrain prevents its use for road/rail. As the boundary is in the river itself, and none of the countries have demarcated and defined the quad-point, let alone any tri-points between them, it is not known for sure whether this is a quad-point or 2 very close tri-points. When Namibia was South African, this was an important point, as if it was a quad-point, then Botswana was effectively surrounded by white governments (S.Africa and Ian Smith's Rhodesian regime) and hence guerillas could not freely get to it. If it was not a quad point, then troops or trade could be ferried across the river to Botswana without legal hinderance by the whites.

The last time this happened was 1830-1818, when Netherlands, Belgium, Prussia/Germany and Neutral Moresnet met at a point near Aachen/Aix-la-Chapelle. After the Congress of Vienna, the Prussian/Dutch border was defined according to existing parishes and local governments. When the Prussians and dutch came to fix it, they found a gap in their agreement at this village, and decided to make the area neutrel. Belgium became independent in 1830, and suddenly 4 governments met. Neutral Moresnet (distinguished from a Prussian village of the same name a few hundred metres away) was not, strictly, an independent state, but was more than a demilitarised zone. It was governed in alternate years by Belgian and Prussian mayors, and the legal system was quite complex, allowing nationals of each nation to appeal to their own national courts. Nonetheless, the village, site of a significant zinc mine, survived well with a population of a couple of thousand until 1918 when Belgium was awarded the Prussian (now German) districts of Eupen and Melmedy by plebiscite, that included all Prussian land bordering Neutral Moresnet. The territory was a narrow triangle, with its apex on the Dutch border, and short base to the south, a mile or so long.

1/2 pt each for Crendlemira and Clarke, as they got the African case without its rider, but not the Moresnet case.

Points: Cheriton 2.5, Crendlemire 1, Clerke 1, White 0.5

Round 2 questions:

- 1: What/where is "The Firestone Republic"
- 2: What is a "Romalpa Clause"
- 3: What is/ere the home port(s) of the Swiss merchant navy?
- 4: What is the size of Bolivia's merchant navy?
- 5: What was the significance of the change in ownership of Carpathian Ruthenia in 1945?

Everyone can enter, and I hope will.

2pts for a sole correct answer, 1pt each for 2 people sharing the answer, 1/2 pt each for >2 people.

DIPLOMACY Game "Burqundy" Spring 1908

ENG (White) F IRS-MAO A Pru-Den F BAL C A Pru-Den A Gas-Par A Pic S A Gas-Par
 A Lon H F NTH S A Lon H
 FRA (Gill) NMR!!! All units hold.
 ITA (M.Hood) A Apu-Tri F ADR C A Apu-Tri F Alb-ION A Bud-Vie A Nap H
 A Ser-Con(?! Nso!!) A Gre S A Ser-Con(nso!!)
 RUS (Martin) F Hol-Bel A Mun S A Ber H A Ber S A Sil-Pru A Sil-Pru.
 TUR (Addison) A Gal-Bud A War H A Rum S A Gal-Bud A Con-Bul F AEG-ION
 F Tun S F AEG-ION F Smy-EMS F BLA S A Con-Bul

Retreats: none

Disbands: FRA A Par (NRO)

Press: GM-all: FRA F MAO S'ed F ENC H last turn. Sorry to miss it out.

Tur-Rus: To the Tsar in exile, I thank you for the onion domes in Moscow, they are a beautiful reminder of home.

Tur-Ita: A new Russia? A few beleaguered garrisons across the Germanic states are hardly a threat. As for you, well at least I've got something to do.

Ita-Rus & Eng: If you two can come to some agreement, then we can all concentrate on stopping Tur bringing this game to a premature conclusion, which at present I am trying to do on my own.

Gm-Ita: And the strain is showing...

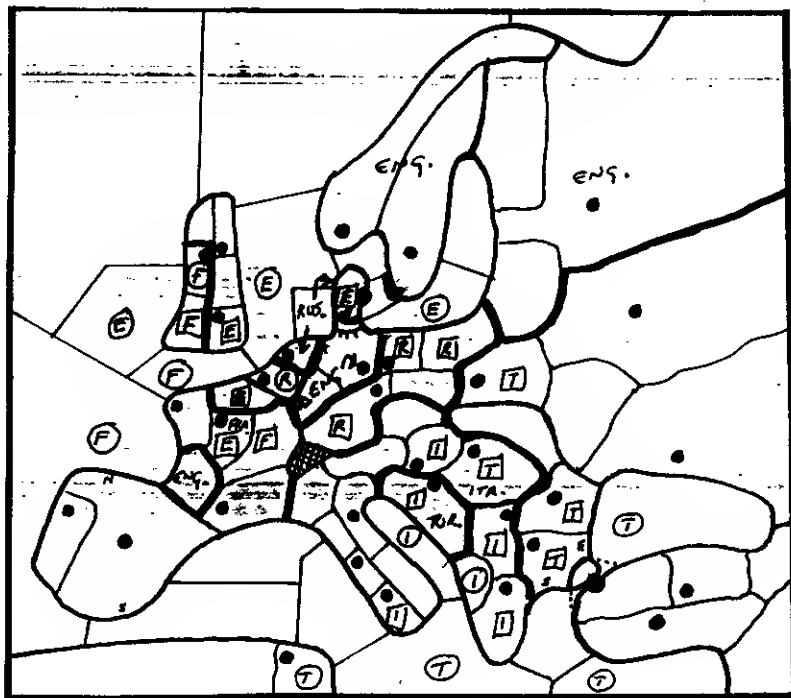
Rus-Fre: Don't worry about English riders, without a homeland, he is stuffed.

Rus-Eng: How about helping me take back my homeland, and will give you Germany?

Rus-all: How did Russia ever get in such a position?

Rus-GM: Who owns what? I assume all Russia is Turkish? Kiel is English? Who owns Vie?

GM-Rus: If you look carefully, I draw extra thick lines around everybody's possessions each turn. In Autumn, these represent exactly who owns what. In Spring, I label provinces owned by different players to the occupiers. Thus Turkey owns all Russia except StP. Tri is occupied by ITA but owned by TUR. Vice versa for Bud. Colour it in when you receive it, following along my adjudication.



WINTER 1898 Diplomacy Game "Bulgaria" Spring 1904

ENG (B.Ouiding) F Cly-Edi F NTH S F Cly-Edi
 FRA (Addison) A Bur-Par A Mar-Spa A Pic-Bel F Nap-TYS F Spa(sc)-MAO
 GER (Kent) A Swe S F StP(nc)-Nwy F StP(nc)-Nwy A Lvn-StP A Kie-Hol F Den-NTH
 AUS (White) A Rom-Apu A Alb S A Tri-Ser A Bud S A Tri-Ser A Rum S A Tri-Ser
 A Tri-Ser F ION-Gre
 RUS (M.Hood) A War-Lvn A Mos S A War-Lvn A Ukr-Sev F NWG-StP(nc)(nso!!!)
 TUR (Craig) A Arm-Rum F BLA C A Arm-Rum A Bul S A Arm-Rum A Sev S A Arm-Rum
 A Ser-Alb A Gre S A Ser-Alb F AEG S A Gre H

Retreats: AUS A Rum-Gal

Disbands: TUR A Ser(NRP!)

Supply Centre info:

Neutral still(1): Tun

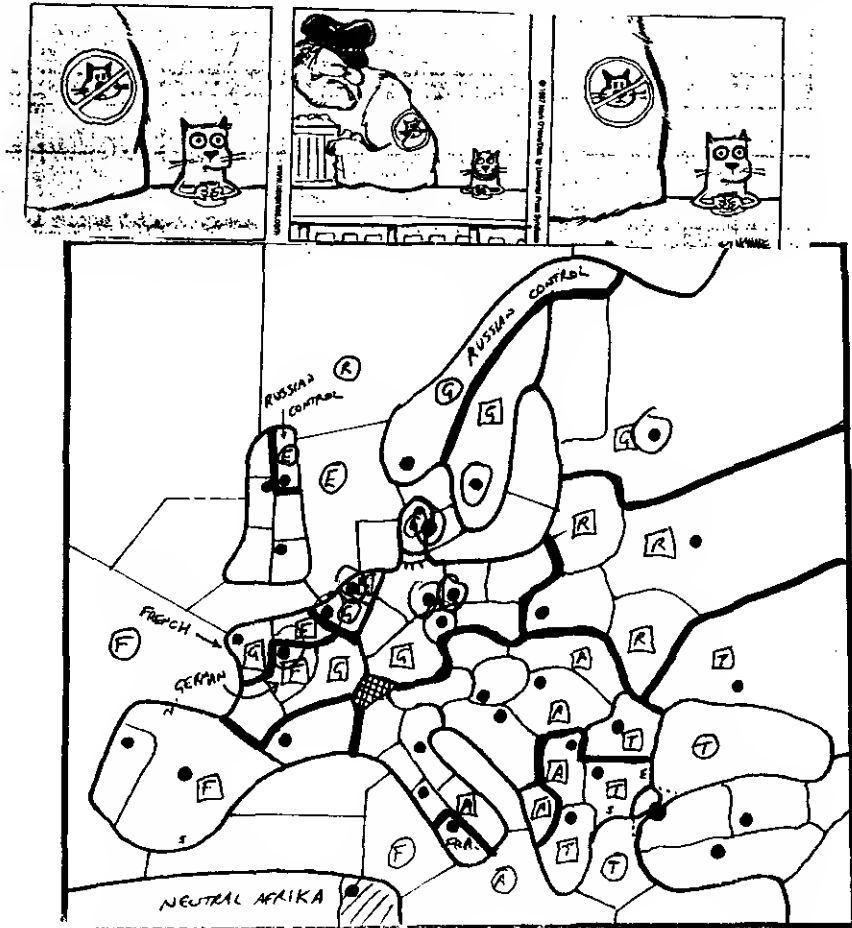
Home centres: ENG(Lon,Lpl,Edi) FRA(Bre,Mar,Spa) GER(Hol,Kie,Mun,Swe) [ITA(Rom,Nap)]

AUS(Ven,Tri,Vie) RUS(Nwy,StP,Mos,Sev) TUR(Bul,Con,Ank,Smy) [underlined = conquered]

New conquests: ENG(none) FRA(Por,Nap) GER(Bel,Ber,Den,Par,StP) AUS(Bud,Rom,Rum)

RUS(Edi,War) TUR(Sev,Ser,Gre) [underlined = someone else's home centre]

Press: Rus-Tur: Sorry Colin, but when I said my price was Sevastopol, I wasn't bluffing. I can't stop Germany now. Believe me next time.



WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN Game "Ile d'Aix" Round 1

Slight problems with ordars, and my lack of knowledge of tham meant this took quite e while to sort out. Basically, movement works thus: ell ships in this scenario have a battlesail speed of 3. All ships also have a turning ability of 2 *except Duke de Bologogne and London*, which being bigger, can turn 1 only. This is the sama as the "Nr."column in the scenario deta.

The attitude you START the round in datamines your speed. Each move forward OR turn costs 1mp. If you turn into an attituda that would give you more mp, these do NOT becoma availabla until the next turn. You do not speed up WITHIN a turn. If you turn into an attitude giving you fewer mp, this DOES restrict you until you turn out again. Each ettitude allows a maximum # of mp to be spent on moves (excluding turns). All ships heva tha same battlasail speed(3), and started in attituda C. Thus you all had 1mp this turn. That could be spant to move forward, or to turn. Turning right into B does NOT allow you to speed up this turn. You started in C so had 1 mp total. Turning left into D DOES cause you to slow down (in this case you stop: you are in irons).

Next turn, those in D cannot mova, but may turn 60° for free (Rule IVa15). Those in C still have 1MP to move forward OR turn as abova. Those in A have 4MP for moves/turns. If they turn into D they stop dead for tha turn. If they turn into B or C, then the restrictions on the number of mp spent on moving forwards in those attitudes remains. Thus a ship starting in A with 4mp turns once(1mp), into C. It may move 1 only(1mp) and then turn again(1mp) and mova again in its new attituda (if that is not D) for the remaining 1mp. As it sterted in A, it has 4mp, but if it turns into slower attitudes, it cannot use more mp IN THAT ATTITUDE than it is allowed to. Read rules IVa12 and IVa13. If it chooses not to mova forward in C, it cannot turn again that turn, as you can only turn 60° in each hex in any turn.

Final restrictions say ships can only turn 60° per hex per turn. To turn mora, you must mova forward 1 first. And no ship can exceed its turning allowance in a turn. That is, 2 turns total each ship, except the 2 big ships abova, who can turn once each turn only.

Does this clear things up?I have underlined the big ships on the map and in the results hare:

FRENCH:	Crandlemire:	Neptune:L	<u>Duke de Bologogna</u> :	R	Conquerant:L	Provance: L
	Martin:	Ardent:R	Jason: R		Eaville: R	Romulus: R
ENGLISH:	White:	America:1	Befford:1		Adamant:1	<u>London</u> :1
	M.Hood	Royal Oak:1	Prudent:R		Europe:L	Robust:1

Michael: RO could not then turn L because that costs 1mp, and it has used its 1mp already. *Prudent* also used its 1mp in the turn, and does not pick up speed in the same turn it turns with the wind (rule IVa13). *Europe* turned into irons, so cannot mova forward, even if it had mp left, which it didn't. *Robust* had moved, so had no mp left to turn, and cannot pick mp up in a turn, as for *Prudent* abova. Brad: Similar story: By using your 1mp to turn, you hava no mp left to continue on. Next turn you can make use of your new faster attitude, not this turn.

Greg: Yes, 1mp is slow to start, but as the others found, turn with the wind, end next turn speed off.

Pitt: Thanks for the commentary, as it cleared the rules up for me!

Pitt also suggests we add Backing Sails, Advanced combat, and ammo types. I will hava to decline as this is a new game to me (I played once 5 or 6 years ago), and obviously to the others. Wa'll keep it simpla this game, and next game once the players & I are heppier, then we will worry about 'increasing strategy'. Greg: yes, combat will be after moves et this staga. Wa'll see how it goes, and if it becomes messy, then we can split turns into two, or make it combat from one turn then movas for tha next. At present, guns will only be fired if you so order, and at the closest ship, as per the rules. You may make this conditional: ia "Fire only at *Europe* if possible" "Fire at ships in this order a,b,c..." atc.

Any questions, see Pitt or myself, or your partner. I have taken the coordinates off tha map for clarity, feel free to send me an annotated map or diagram if you lika, but "1R3L"etc is fina. Remember, as per tha rule IVb7, if you cock up, your ships stop after tha last valid order, which is how I handled it this turn. Orders may not be made conditional on your partner getting it right: beware collisions, although it seems most likely emongst your own ships, ah Michael!☺☺☺

ROBUST

EUROPE

PROVANT

ROMA

LONDON

ADAMANT

BEERD

AMERICA

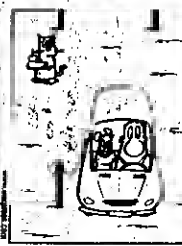
SHIPS UNDER LINED

WIN
1
6
5
4

A 3x3 hexagonal grid. The top row contains hexagons with numbers 1, 2, and 3. The middle row contains hexagons with numbers 6, a central arrow pointing left, and 5. The bottom row contains hexagons with numbers 5, 4, and 3.

WIND CHANGES 5

↑ (SOLID STERN) = FRENCH
X (LINE STERN) = ENGLISH

[illegible]**'CITIZEN DOG'** By Mark O'Hare

RAILWAY RIVALS Game "Ashburton" 1483CB, Canterbury, Economic rules, Round 5

ok, so I changed my mind. Sue me. As there are so many cities left unjoined, there WILL be a 6th build round.

ICH (Bien), yellow: I15-H16-H19; C38-Geraldine, F39-G38-Pleasant Pt, Timaru-J39, M13-Dunsandel; H19-Lyttleton.

KIWI (Martin), red: Ashburton-U10-W9-Hinds; Hinds-B38; B38-Geraldine, A38-Rangitata, G7-F7.

SIR (Charlton), black: Longbeach-C40; C40-Temuka, O12-K10; Acheron-L5-L4, K10-J10.

Monies:		Rivals/builds		Rivals/races		Race		Balance
Name	Start	Cities	in	out	in	out	wins	
ICH	72	12	+1	-1	-	-	-	84
KIWI	58	-	+1	-1	-	-	-	58
SIR	56	-	+1	-1	-	-	-	56

ROUND 6 BUILDS: 4 - 2 - 5.

This IS the last round of building before the races!

RAILWAY RIVALS Game "Aliwal North" 1482SA, South Africa, Racing rules, Round 6

Friend Quist appears to have dropped out. I have made builds for him again (before looking at your orders) and now Pitt Crandlemire takes over the position. Thanks Pitt!

Skokien (Stimmel) purple: B81-B84; B84-B87; B87-B90-A90.

CONTS (Charlton), green: A74-C72-C71; C71-E.London, A74-C74; Askham-E19; N25-P26.

Zulu Express (Crandlemire), black: Quist NMRs! GM builds: Bloemfontein-V26; T25-T29-S29; S29-Jo'burg.

BOERING (Von Metzke), red: Z13-Y12-Y10; Y10-V9-V7; V7-R5.

BORE (Martin), blue: Pietersburg-N40-N42; N42-Messina, T25-Bloemfontein, T25-V26; Mafeking-K28, U37-X39.

Monies:		Rivals/builds		Rivals/races		Race		Balance
Name	Start	Cities	in	out	in	out	wins	
Skokien	46	-	+1	-	-	-	-	47
CONTS	59	-	-	-1	-	-	-	58
ZEX	46	-	+14	-2	-	-	-	58
BOERING	55	-	+1	-2	-	-	-	54
BORE	56	+12	+1	-12	-	-	-	57

Only Rhodesia remains unconnected.

RACES: 12 Capetown-46 Bloemfontein; 15 Bitterfontein-22 Uitenhage;

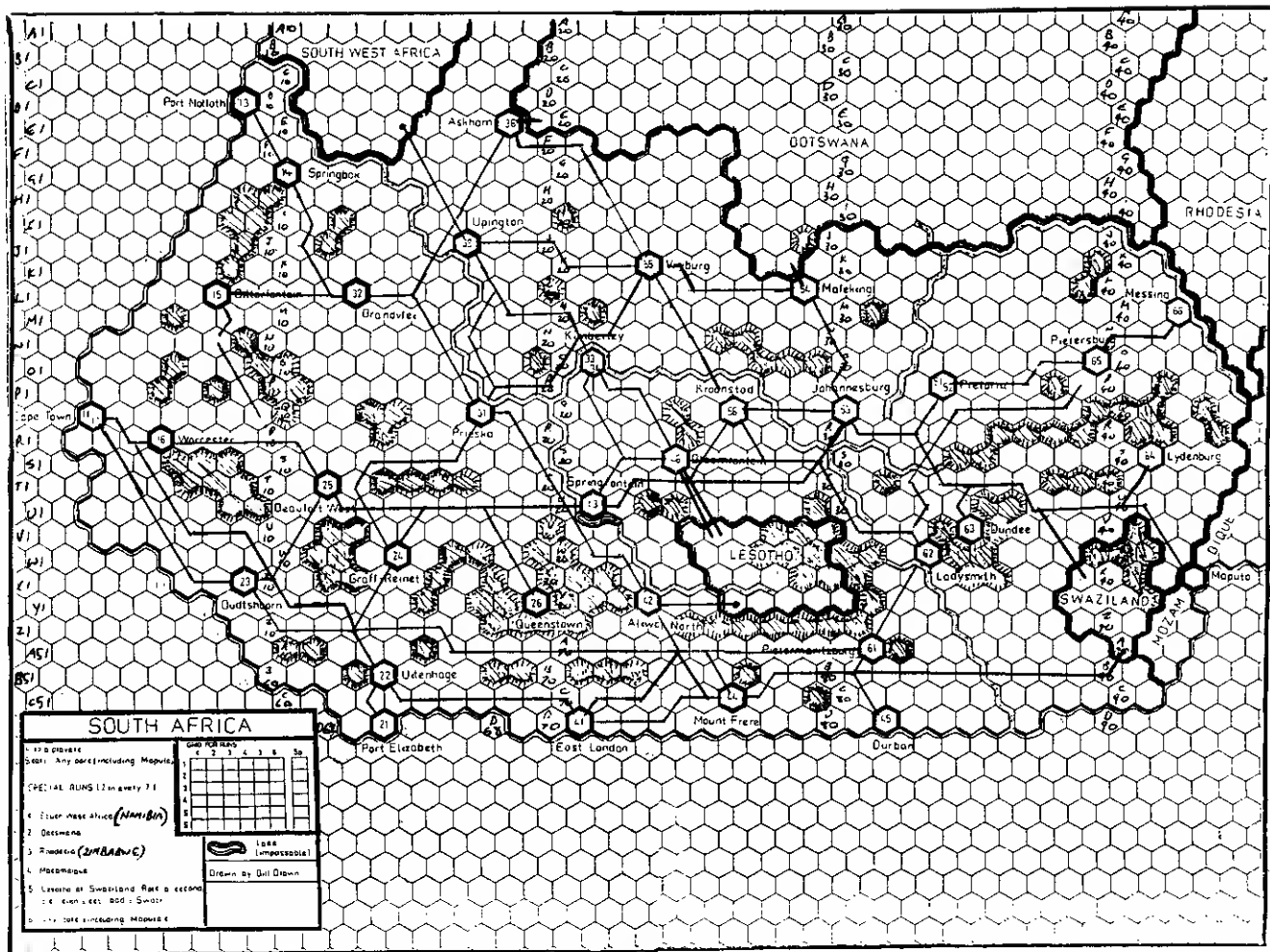
24 Graff-Reinet-64 Lydenburg; 34 Kimberley-52 Pretoria; 36 Askham-Sp5 Swaziland;

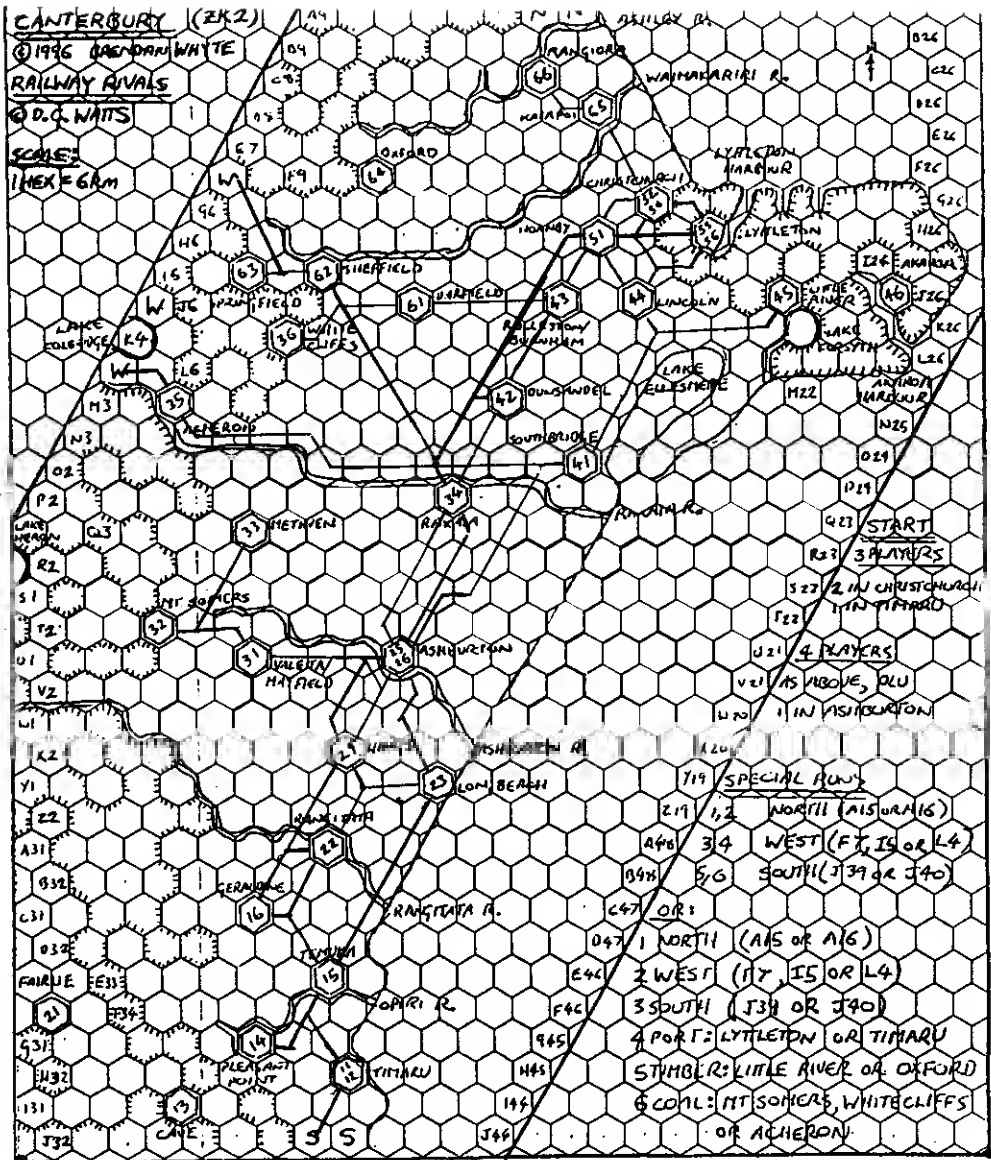
43 Springfontein-63 Dundee; 56 Kroonstad-Sp2 Botswana.

You may enter any 4 races. Remember that both players must order XRP or joint runs for these to work. Conditionals on the basis of the other player failing to so order are allowed. Bus-boss scoring will be used.

You may build up to \$14 including all payments to rivals, after the races. This will then decrease by \$2/round.







BANBURY MERTON STREET Round 6 (lowest unduplicated integer >0)

Craig, Crandlemire 1; Duxon, White, Charlton, Petrie 2; Clarke 3; A.Hood, Addison 4; Natrass 5; Martin 6.

Name	Pts (system A)	Pts (system B)
Clarke	0+0+0+0+1+1=2	0+0+0+0+10/37+11/37=0.5676
Hutton	1+0+1+0+0+0=2	8/34+0+4/34+0+0+0=0.3529
B.Quiding	0+1+0+0+0+0=1	0+7/33+0+0+0+0=0.2121

BRIGHTON AVENUE Round 5 (closest to median of integer entries >0)

Craig 4; Duxon, Crandlemire 7; Addison 8; A.Hood, Charlton 9; Petrie 10; Martin, Natrass 11; Clarke 12; White 30.

Median = 9. Alex and David get half a point each.

Name	Pts (system A)	Pts (system B)	Pts (system C)
A.Hood	0+0+0+1/2+1/2=1.0	0+0+0+0.5*10/37+0.5*11/37=0.2837	0+0+0+1+1=2
Charlton	0+1/8+1/4+0+1/2=0.875	0+0.125*8/34+0.25*7/34+0+0.5*11/37=0.2295	0+1+1+0+1=3(!!)
B. Quiding	1/2+1/8+0+1/4+0=0.875	0.5*7/33+0.125*8/34+0+0.25*10/37+0=0.2030	1+1+0+1+0=3(!!)
Martin	0+1/2+1/4+0+0=0.75	0+0.5*8/34+0.25*7/34+0+0=0.1891	0+1+1+0+0=2
Crandlemire	1/2+1/8+0+0+0=0.825	0.5*7/33+0.125*8/34+0+0+0=0.1355	1+1+0+0+0=2
Addison	0+0+1/4+1/4+0=0.5	0+0+0.25*7/34+0.25*10/37+0=0.1190	0+0+1+1+0=2
Hutton	0+1/8+1/4+0+0=0.375	0+0.125*8/34+0.25*7/34+0+0=0.0809	0+1+1+0+0=2

BONNIE BRAE Round 5 (closest to mean of integer entries 0<x<1000)

Craig 92; A.Hood 144; White 148; Petrie 151; Crandlemire 176; Addison 200; Charlton 201; Martin 232; Clarke 234; Duxon 237; Natrass 276.

Mean = 173.636. Pitt pulls points!

Name	Pts(system A)	Pts (system B)	Pts(system C)
White	1+0+1/3+0+0=1.333	7/33+0+1/3*7/34+0+0=0.2807	1+0+1+0+0=2
Crandlemire	0+0+0+0+1=1	0+0+0+0+11/37=0.2973(!!!)	0+0+0+0+1=1
Clarke	0+0+0+1+0=1	0+0+0+10/37+0=0.2703	0+0+0+1+0=1
B. Quiding	0+1+0+0+0=1	0+8/34+0+0+0=0.2352	0+1+0+0+0=1
Charlton	0+0+1/3+0+0=0.333	0+0+1/3*7/34+0+0=0.0686	0+0+1+0+0=1
Petrie	0+0+1/3+0+0=0.333	0+0+1/3*7/34+0+0=0.0686	0+0+1+0+0=1

BONGARD RD Round 5 (closest to mean 0<integer entries<1000. Nonplayers assumed to enter 0)

Natrass, Crandlemire, Addison, Duxon, White, Martin, Clarke 1; Petrie, Craig 3; Charlton 4; A.Hood 5.

37 subbers & 11 entries means 26 entries of 0. Total= 22 divided by 37.

Mean = 0.5946!! This game has suddenly become trivial. As so many people are NOT entering, there are far too many 0s and hence the mean is nearly zero. You realise this, and each of you bids low, and so nearly everyone gets points. I think this would work better if at least half the subbers put in numbers, preferably over 2/3. I did hope for 90% participation. Sigh. Seeing it is getting silly, I will drop this option, and only the 3 games above will continue to run. Thanks for trying it out for me though! FINAL SCORES (Greg is declared shadow-winner on all 3 systems).

Name	Pts (system A)	Pts(system B)	Pts (system C)
White	0+0+1+0.5+0.14=1.64	0+0+7/34+0.5*10/37=0.3410	0+0+1+1+1=3
Martin	1+0+0+0+0.14=1.14	7/33+0+0+0=0.2121	1+0+0+0+1=2
Petrie	0+1+0+0+0=1.00	0+8/34+0+0=0.2353	0+1+0+0+0=1
Clarke	0+0+0+0.5+0.14=0.64	0+0+0+0.5*10/37=0.1351	0+0+0+1+1=2
Natrass	0+0+0+0+0.14=0.14	0+0+0+0+0.14*11/37=0.0425	0+0+0+0+1=1
Crandlemire	0+0+0+0+0.14=0.14	0+0+0+0+0.14*11/37=0.0425	0+0+0+0+1=1
Addison	0+0+0+0+0.14=0.14	0+0+0+0+0.14*11/37=0.0425	0+0+0+0+1=1
Duxon	0+0+0+0+0.14=0.14	0+0+0+0+0.14*11/37=0.0425	0+0+0+0+1=1

IF ANYONE WANTS TO PLAY ANY OF THESE (and I hope you all do) JUST SEND ME NUMBERS FOR EACH GAME! You can enter at any time, but the more often, the better your chances!

					<u>end</u>	<u>face</u>	<u>ammo</u>	<u>hp</u>	<u>vp</u>
Richtofen (A.Hood)	LS	RT fR	-- fA		RIP				17
Col. du Bois (Craig)	RT fA	RT	A		M11	N12	10	02	09
Capt. von Bomb (B. Quiding)	LS	LS fA	RS fA		F11	G11	14	12	01

Gm-both: last man standing wins. VP don't count!

CITIZEN DOG By Mark O'Hare

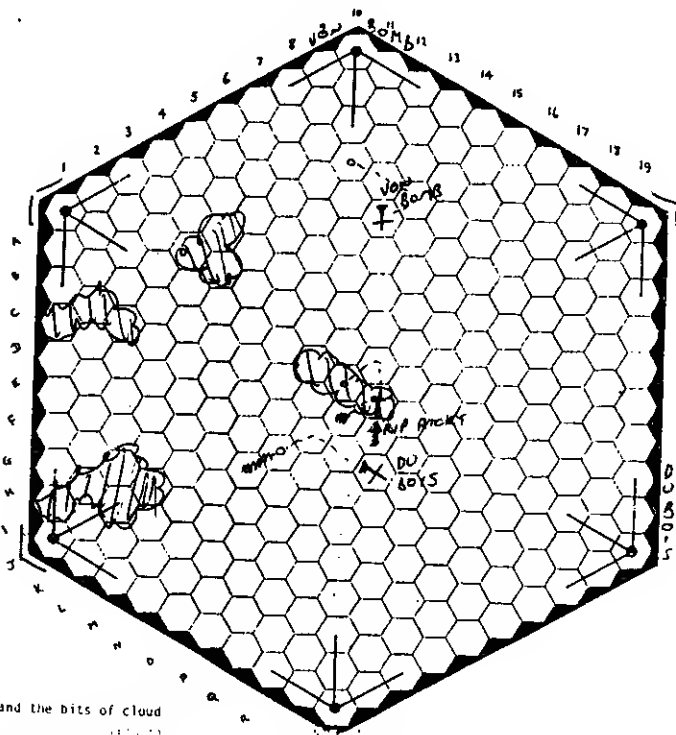
Panel 1: A car with a dog's face drives on a road. The background shows trees and a fence.

Panel 2: A car with a dog's face drives on a road. A car with a human face is visible in the background.

Panel 3: A car with a dog's face drives on a road. A car with a human face is visible in the background.

Panel 4: A car with a dog's face drives on a road. A car with a human face is visible in the background.


(Fig 2)



...and the bits of cloud

SOPWITH Game "Breguet" Round 1

OK, while all I needed was a nom-de-plane (hah!), I got 4 sets of orders although you hadn't seen the map, so to speed things up, all players are assumed to have taken off on runway Beta with 3 ahead moves this turn, **UNLESS** you sent orders for something else. I have sprinkled the clouds on, and placed you in random order around the airfields. This game will finish with one player left alive, with no new players once someone is shot down. Points are scored for the international ratings (which may no longer be kept, I'm not sure) and to keep track of aces.

					end	face	ammo	hp	vp
Anonymous(B.Guiding)	γ	A	A	A fA	A7	A6	15	12	0
Dougie Bader(White)	γ	A	A	A	G16	F15	16	12	0
Hans Offermierplane(Clarke)	Y		A	A fA	Q 19	P 19	15	12	0
Anonymous(A.Hood)	β	A	A	A	P10	O10	16	12	0
Anonymous(Petrie)	β	A	A	A	J4	J5	16	12	0
Baron von Boring(Martin)	β	A	A	A	D4	E5	16	12	0

NOTE YOU CAN HOLD IN SEGMENT ONE IF ON THE GROUND, NOT IN THE AIR!

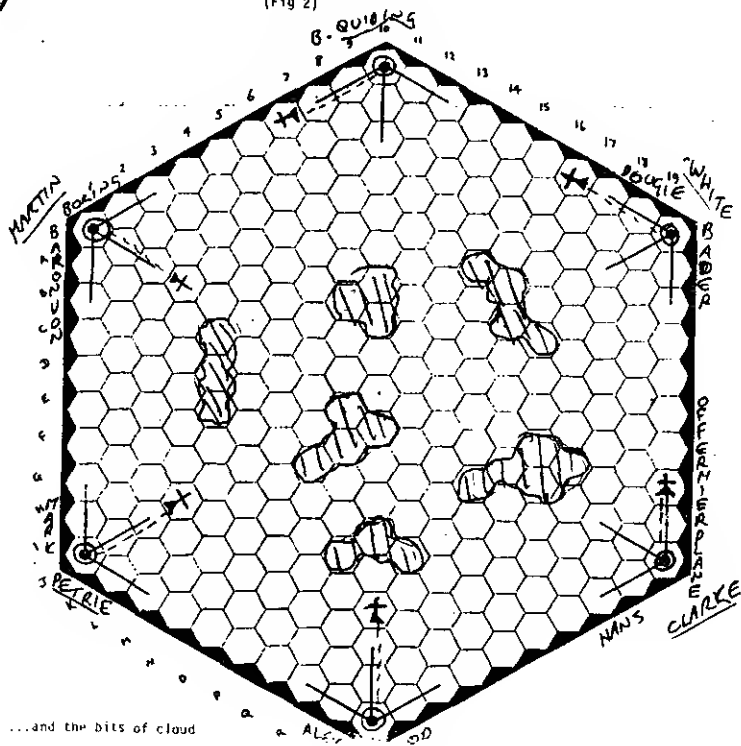
Press: Bader-all: Tally ho, hip hip, and away we go. Darned lovely day for a fly, don't you agree old chaps?

Clouds are placed this turn, hence don't move. It would be unfair of me to let them hurt you...yet!

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Gazfinc's Sopwith map

(Fig 2)



MACHIAVELLI Game "Bergamo" Spring1517

TUR forgets to repay his loan, and is assassinated. Tunis and Romag rebel. All TUR units hold this turn.

Builds: Everyone maintains all present units. FRA: +EMA Avign TUR: --- AUS: Cant afford to build.

PAP: --- MIL: + A Cremon, A Moden VEN: + A Dalma, EPF Venic

FRA (Martin) A Pavia-Pianc EMA Avign-Turin

MIL (Hutton) A Swiss-Tyrol A Savoy B IG Savoy EMA Saluz-Prove A Genoa-G Genoa
A Cremon-Milan A Moden-Lucca

VEN (M.Hood) A Trent B IG Trent A Bolog B PAP G Bolog A Trevi B AUS G Trevi
F Romag S A Bolog B PAP G Bolog A Ferra S A Bolog B PAP G Bolog
F Herze-Dalma A Dalma-Croat EPF Venic-LAGOO

PAP (Phoon) G Bolog S EPA Flore-Bolog EPA Flore-Bolog

TUR (L.Quiding) assassinated. F IS H F Ancon H

AUS (B.Quiding) A Tivol-Rome A Perug-Urbini EPF UA S G Trevi-A Trevi G Trevi-A Trevi
F LA H F WGL H F WTS-ETS F EGL-WTS

Retreats: VEN A Trevi-Fruil Disbands: IG Trent, IG Savoy, PAP G Bolog (all to seige)

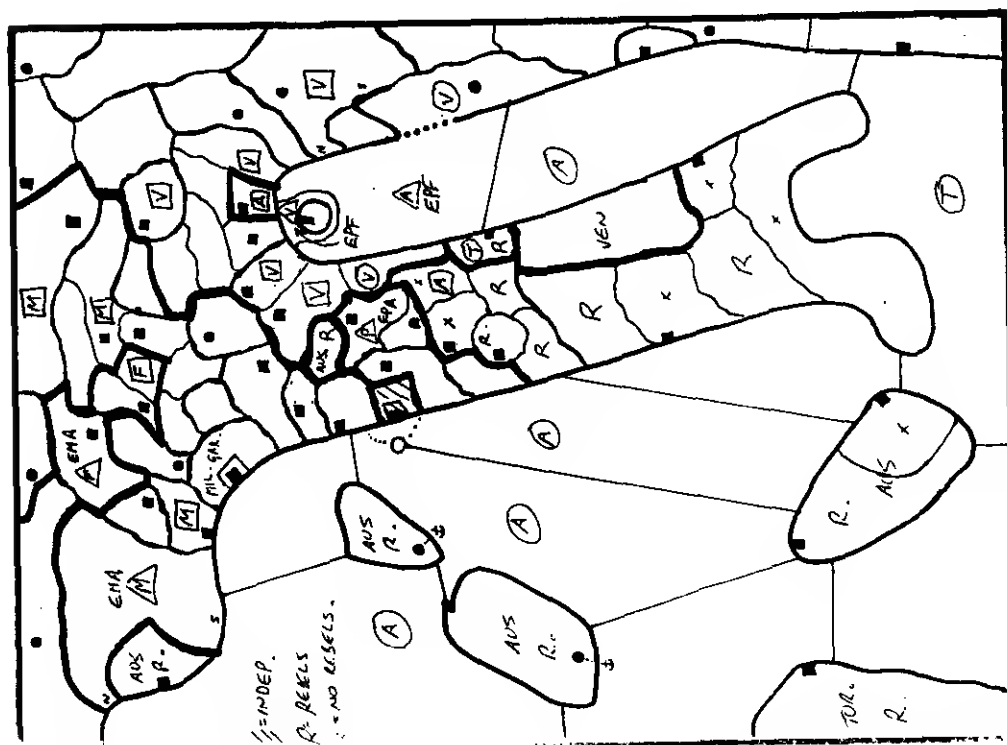
Plague: good year, c7: Rome, Arezz, Lucca, Padua, Tunis, Cremon. Kills MIL A Lucc, AUS A Rome.

Monies: Loans out:

Press:none.

Errata: AUS should have had 5 cities, and 5 rebels last turn, not 6 and 4. This affected this list, not monies.

City count: A:5 F:3 M:12 P:3 T:0(due to rebels!) V:13 Indep:1 Rebel:7 // 44



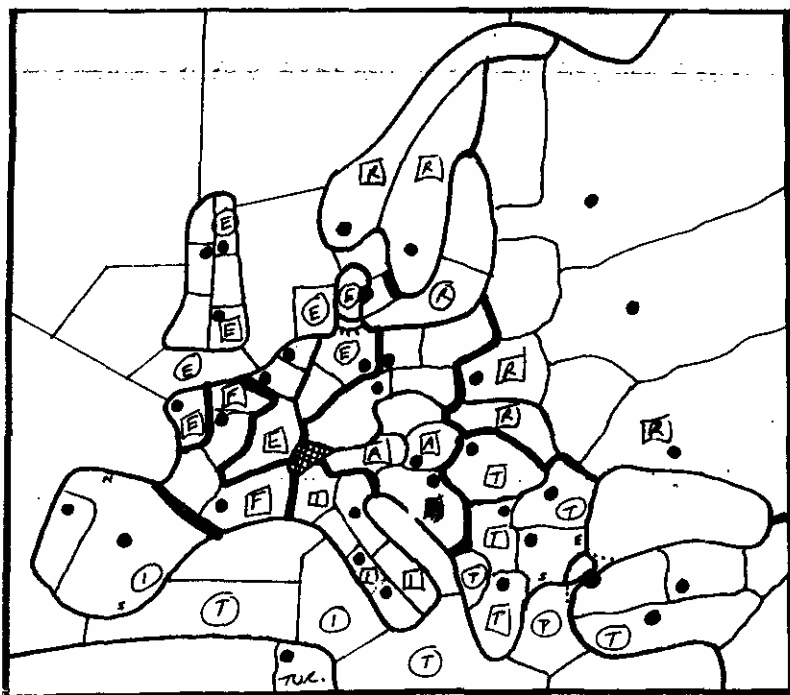
GUNBOAT Diplomacy Game "Bohemia" Autumn 1916

ENG A Lon-Bre F ENC C A Lon-Bre F Den-Kie F HEL S F Den-Kie A Bel-Bur F NTH-Den
 FRA A Pic H A Mar H
 GER F Kie-Den
 ITA A Ven-Rom A Pie-Mar F Nap-TYS A Rom-Apu F Spa(sc)-Mar
 AUS A Mun-Tyr A Ser-Tri A Tri-Vie A Bud S A Ser-Tri
 RUS A Gal S TUR A Rum-Bud A Ukr-Sev A Nwy S A Fin-Swe A Fin-Swe F Swe-BAL
 TUR A Rum-Bud F BLA-Rum A Bul-Ser A Gre S A Bul-Ser F Alb-Tri F EMS-ION
 F AEG S F EMS-ION F WMS-Spa(sc)

Retreats: none Disbands: GER F Kie (NRO) AUS A Ser, Bud(NRO but NRP anyway!)
 Builds: ENG(8) +A Lon, F Edi FRA(2) as is GER(0) out! ITA(5) as is AUS(4) NBO! 2 short!
 RUS(6) +A War TUR(9) +F Smy

Press: Eng-Rus: Now you're talking! I have Den, you have Nwy, do we both have other fish to fry?
 Eng-It: I am glad we can agree to cooperate against Fra, and I suggest we do this on the basis of whoever is best placed at the time. At present this is likely to mean I will support you into Mar when I reach Bur.
 Eng-Aus: Your move to Mun was wrong, because Mun can never be taken by e Ger fleet, but Ber, which you vacated can. I can't help you in Kie until you go back to Ber, because if you take Kie, Ger just retreats to Ber, so I have attempted to take Kie myself for the time being, in the hope that you have moved back to Ber so that all Ger bases are thus taken.
 Eng-Fra: If your press is neither witty nor informative, then frankly (no pun intended) we can do without it. Come to think of it we can do without you too.
 Eng-Tur: Any move outside the Pillars of Hercules would be regarded as hostile.
 Mos-Con: Now our alliance is sealed it is time to bargain. Vie for me and all points north. Time for a steamroller ride! I suggest some projection of naval power.
 Mos-Lon: Resume your lone struggle against Russia. How noble and heroic. Why don't you take my hand of friendship and carve up the world between us?
 Mos-Vie: Sorry to be negative but I must ally to power.

ONLY 2 VOTES FOR TUR, WIN PROPOSAL, BUT NONE AGAINST. NONE FOR OR BY THE DRAW, & 1 AGAINST.
 NEW PROPOSAL: E/T WIN.



DIPLOMACY Game "Brest" Autumn 1905

ENG (Gonsalves) F Den S RUS F BAL-Kie(nso) F Lon-ENC F MAO-Bre F IRS-ENC A Nwy H
 FRA (B. Quiding) F ENC-NTH A Pic-Bre F Spa(sc)-MAO F Por S F Spa(sc)-MAO
 GER (L. Quiding) A Hol-Bel A Kie S F Ber H F Ber H A Gal-Sil
 ITA (Ward) F GOL-Spa(sc) A Pie H A Mar S F WMS-Spa(sc) (NSO!!!)
F WMS S F GOL-Spa(sc)
 AUS (Hutton) A Tyr-Vie A Bud-Rum F AEG S A Ser-Bul A Gre S A Ser-Bul A Ser-Bul
 RUS (M. Hood) A Smy H F Rum H F Swe-SKA F Pru-Ber F BAL S F Pru-Ber
A Ukr S F Rum H A War-Gal
 TUR (A. Hood) A Bul S A Con H A Con S A Bul H F BLA S A Bul H

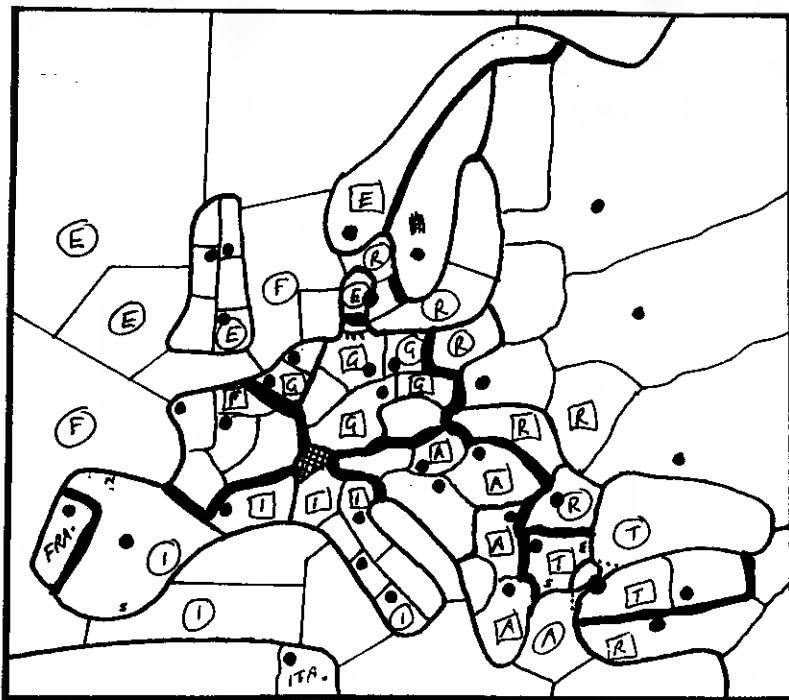
Retreats: ENG F MAO-NAO

Builds: ENG(5) es is FRA(3) -F Por GER(5) + A Mun ITA(6) +A Ven, F Nap

AUS(5) as is RUS(7) as is TUR(3) as is

Press: none! All quiet of the western front, huh?

CITIZEN DOG By Mark O'Hare



The first three or four years really saw little change. Turkey made not much progress, Austria gained Greece and Serbia and got fleets into the AEG and EME, but then quickly imploded under the force of a concerted RT counter-offensive. Italy grew slowly, but sailed west secure in the knowledge that his border with Austria was safe. He gained Munich in 1902 working with the Germans in an ominous alliance for me as France.

England got bogged down in Scandinavia, but worked against Germany with me. Germany was on the brink of elimination in the midgame, but rose from the ashes when I had to call off the attack to defend against the pesky Italians. Didn't they remember I taught them how to play? Maybe that was the problem...?

Italy soon flourished with gains on the Iberian Peninsula and in southern France. Meanwhile Turkey and Russia had outmanoeuvred Austria and were marching west. Although it got going somewhat belatedly, the Steamroller was gathering momentum. Italy pressed on in France capturing Paris and Brest, and finally turned east just in time to stop the Turkish navy in the Ionian Sea, while Russian armies had captured Tyrolia and the Turks were in Trieste.

A concerted western effort to defend seemed to be holding, with Italy holding a line south of Switzerland, and Germany, England, and my sole surviving French unit in Berlin seemingly able to stem the tide in the north.

We called a time draw at 5pm as people had other commitments, at which stage Brian in his debut performance as Italy had 11 SC's! Well done that man! Turkey was on 7, Russia 7, Germany 6, England 2, and me hanging on grimly on 1.

Everyone really enjoyed getting back into playing FTF after a year or two away (in my case 4 or 5!) from FTF play. All seemed keen to play again at the end of July, and already it's looking promising for two boards on the 26th or 27th of July. Anyone who's interested should contact ma... we could not imagine having too many players (at this stage!).

[Great to see a game of face-to-face Dip being played. STGers have been loathe to do this in the past, as some find Dip stale. I guess it depends on who plays, as I'd rather play new people than most of the STGers, although I have some old friends I always like to play with. I'm sorry I didn't make myself more obvious when I turned up, but I was pleased to see an interesting game that you all enjoyed, and even a newbie! Colin Craig is interested in future games (but isn't available Sundays) and I am too, although I'd love a game of Machiavelli face to face too.]

Alex Hood, Deepest Dunedin

First of all, I think you do a damn good job with Damn the Consequences. I look forward to receiving it every month or so and reading the lengthy editorial, as well as monitoring my progress in the games that I am playing. Keep up the good work.

I thought that I would comment on the last editorial you made with regard to foreign students and the English language. As you know I am a student at Otago University, the best and oldest university in New Zealand, so I have some experience with foreign students and university in general. At Otago University there are no restrictions on the number of students enrolled in first year classes. This is just part of the policy that they have here, and a good one at that I think. This means that if a student wants to sit a first year paper all they have to do is enroll for it, assuming that they have satisfied the prerequisites (with a lot of first year papers that start in the second semester you have to have passed the relevant papers to be able to sit them. e.g. you have to pass COMP101 before you can sit COMP102).

There are a lot of foreign students here, particularly Malaysians and Muslims. Some are full fee paying students that pay just over \$11,000 every year to attend (a lot of these seem to have full scholarships from the Malaysian government), some I presume have New Zealand residency and can apply that way. All the Malaysians tend to do commerce degrees, I noticed that a lot do Finance (almost two thirds of some third year classes) and Information Science (around a third of the class). I know this because I am majoring in these subjects and you cannot help but notice that the hair colour of the first how ever many rows at the front of the class is almost exclusively black.

I do find that in general Asian/Malaysian students don't tend to socialise with non-Asian/Malaysian students. They mainly stick to themselves and talk among themselves in their native tongue (there are of course exceptions to this hasty generalisation). Although they will sit up the front of the class they will not ask questions, just sit in silence and take notes (University students are renown for not asking questions in lectures though). Perhaps they are all short sighted. Often however their English is of a good standard. I worked for the University at the beginning of the year for the course approval period, making any changes to students' courses and checking that they were properly enrolled. During this time I didn't once have a problem communicating with a student or see an interpreter for that matter. Why this is the case in Auckland, I am not sure.

With regard to copying of work, there is an official university policy for 'dishonest practice' although I am not sure how widely it is adhered to. Dishonest practice is defined as plagiarism, either copying another student's work or not acknowledging that of a published author's, and falsification of data. In the Finance and Quantitative Analysis Students' Handbook the punishment is as follows: *"Students who plagiarise or falsify data are not only liable to receive failing grades but are also liable to be reported to the disciplinary committee and potentially excluded from the university."* It also goes on to say: *"For cheating or plagiarism in internal assessment departmental policy is to award zero marks for a first offense. A second offense is referred to the Registrar to be dealt with in accordance with University regulations (see Calendar). Cheating in final examinations is invariably dealt with by the Registrar. Students wishing to appeal a decision made by an individual lecturer should approach the Head of Department as soon as possible."* I know of one case where foreign students have copied each other in assignments and all that has happened to them is that their marks have been halved and they received a warning. In another case however a (European) friend of mine had to repeat part of assignment because it was suspected that he had copied. He hadn't, he had just done the assignment in reverse order and then made changes to part of it, forgetting to change the other part). If he had actually plagiarised then he would have probably been reported to the disciplinary committee. Basically it depends on the lecturer as to what course of action they take, some are harsh, some aren't.

I was interested to read the letter from Brandon Clarke in the last issue of DtC and came up with what I think would be a great idea. I have thought about playing Diplomacy via email but don't like the idea of having to transcribe everything from the screen onto a map (I am hopeless with province names). I also find the letter writing part of normal PBM Diplomacy a little annoying (although necessary), especially the wait for mail to arrive if it is coming from overseas. So I have a proposal to solve both of these dilemmas. Since 23 out of 38 subbers have email addresses then why not start a Diplomacy game where the correspondence is done via email. Orders would still be submitted in the usual way and progress reported in DtC. This would mean that time (waiting for letters) and money (postage stamps, paper and time - time is money) would be saved. For those of you without email addresses, there would of course still be lots of normal diplomacy games available for you to play. Is this a feasible idea, Brendan?

Also Brandon, as far as I know there isn't a Diplomacy club here in Dunedin. I am not a local so probably not the best person to ask however.

Thank you for the compliments. It is a lot of work to do this, especially when my timetable is thrown by late orders or NMRs. I should have learnt by now, eh? To the guilty, I reserve the right to fine you for late orders/NMRs, and to be totally arbitrary about it. I'm interested that you say Malaysians AND Muslims. Most of the Malaysians in Auckland are Chinese, not Malays and therefore not Muslim. Since full fees came in, there are fewer of them (who speak reasonable English) and more Taiwanese/Chinese/Hong Kongers who have residency, and therefore pay cheap fees, but bad English. Weird, huh? They do tend to be short sighted, and sit at the front of the theatres. We used to glue water balloons filled with air under the seats, so when latecomers came in and sat down in the front rows, the balloon would explode underneath them when they towered the seat, while trying to be quiet. Our stats dept says it regards assignment copying as seriously as exam copying. Bollocks. The assignment is zeroed, finish. In an exam it is straight to disciplinary committee and BIG trouble. One Asian girl once hauled up for copying an assignment together with the NZ student whose work was the same defended herself with "I didn't copy off him, he's white". Hmm... I guess the problem with Auckland is that it is the biggest city and port of arrival for immigrants. Let's face it, would you migrate from the tropics to Dunedin? Thus they arrive and settle here, and send their kids to school/uni here. There is a large enough number of them that some suburbs are 40%+ Asian. And we then wonder why they don't learn English rapidly... Singapore solves the problem by having racial quotas at suburb, estate and even apartment block level. You cannot sell your apartment to an Indian if their quota level is reached already in your suburb, estate or block. This prevents ghettos like we have in (C)Howick. They silly houses these people buy are frightening too. Real Estate agents admit that few kiwis buy the houses if the Asian sell, as they have no garden, little lawn (mainly concrete), big automatic gates (gates to a property should be banned if they can't be opened by hand) a huge glassed toyer, which Kiwis won't pay the electricity to heat, and stupid tiny 2-storied columned porticoes that serve no purpose at all, as being 2-stories high, they let wind and rain in. It is all feng-shui, not practicality. And the suburbs are full of large houses on tiny lots, all cheek-by-jowl. Then after letting them all in, our councillors tell us that as Auckland has grown so much, the quarter-acre section is out and apartments are in. So our culture is forcibly changed by outsiders to their own. Yuk. It bodes not well, Horatio..

Email Dip: good idea in principle, but to be in Dtc you would still get only one turn a month or so. With email connections, that will be too slow for the tastes of many, and I am not able to adjudicate games much faster. So I suggest that either you join an email judge system (see Brandon) and play and negotiate by email totally, or play here by snailmail and email but still snailmail orders to me for DIC as normal, as I haven't access to email yet (I hope to be up and on by Aug). There is a better and better chance that players in a game in DIC will all have email anyway, so you can negotiate by email, but I can't get the zine out any faster, so the games will still play at the same pace, it just means you can negotiate more and get more paranoid. But if there is interest, I can offer a game or two of anything to only players with email. Let me know if there is the interest out there. Remember that in holidays you may not (and I certainly don't) have email. This may also be a hassle.

Michael Gonsalves, USA

Brendan, The warm fuzzie people are going to freak over your letter. The fact that it appears to be truth is irrelevant to the hard core Diversity" group.

The mind destroying disease of Political Correctness has infected most of the European and its descendents. It very well may be the doom of our culture.

To those who believe in the blessing of multiculturalism, I ask for examples where it is working. IN 1997, there is varying degrees of conflict in many of the so-called Multicultural states.

The most visible ones being the Serbian,Croat,Bosnian conflict. There is no peace there as all three sides are arming for a major war which will break out as soon as the Nato Troops leave. The most bloody example is the tribal warfare in Rwanda. On a less bloody scale we are about to see the breakup of the great nation of Canada on the altar of Multiculturalism. The joke there is that the Nation of Quebec based on its current laws may turn out to be the most real racist state in the world. The Native Americans and non French speakers are almost 100% against leaving Canada, and the Natives in particular will fight.

ON New Zealand and Australia's relations with the rest of Asia. I believe both governments are fighting a losing battle to be accepted by the governments of Asia. Western culture is decried as racist yet I see the same problems in China and partially Japan, one of the most openly racist societies in the world.

Final thought to those who believe that Militaries are useless, If everybody would just love and respect each other, there would be world peace.

USA Military and CIA analysis papers both doubt the long term prospects for Australia if the USA is disarmed or removed as a power in the Pacific. The reason. While not very good land, Australia has lots of it and not many people. China, while a threat to control the Pacific militarily, is not considered a threat to conquer Australia. The two possible future threats are Indonesia and India. At the present time, while small, Australia's army is considered first rate. Indonesia's army while large is in reality little more than an armed mob. According to JANES, only about 30 countries have effective militaries, the rest having anywhere from glorified police forces to armed mobs. India is one of the 30, and is actively building a blue water navy. Right now, India is not an Imperialist power, but policy can change. Once the navy is updated, India will have the ability to expand, if they get the willpower.

As for the USA being removed from the Pacific, USA Defense department war games, based on the trends of the last 6 years, ie The USA continues to reduce our armed forces while China continues to expand, show the USA losing a war with China in the Western Pacific starting around 2005.

Brendan, you complained about your governments KowTowing to the Asian governments. The governments of Australia and New Zealand read JANES and have access to the same reports I have seen. For all intents and purposes, ANZAC is a hollow shell that can't defend itself in face of a determined attack. I ask the question, Maybe they buckle under because they have no choice!

I agree, as does token-ethnic subber Alex Phoon, that the Chinese and Japanese are amongst the most racist societies, and proud of it, yet we seem to be constantly told off by them for supposed anti-Asian sentiment here. I wonder how many whites are lining up to live in Japan or China, and why the Taiwanese are leaving in droves? Japan even has a caste system that is ingrained and unknown to most Westerners, let alone their treatment of Koreans and Chinese migrant workers, and infamous sex-tours. As for no choice, no yet we don't. It would be easy to chuck out 14K members. There is no spine anymore in the West. And we don't work together enough. The US criticises Indonesia, which turns elsewhere for arms. But we and Australia still exercise with the butchers of East Timor, despite both our own nationals being killed there by 'security' forces. They are playing us all off one another (the advantage of a centralist government compared to our liberal federal ones). If you, Canada, Europe and Australia/NZ all said to Indonesia: no trade or tourists until a referendum on Timor, or a solving of the Taiwan issue, etc, the governments would fall over there. Now the Chinese people are making money, they'd rebel alongside a solid attempt to the human rights to trade. They have too much to lose now. Sanctions didn't work with South Africa because the west still traded and toured there, due to the Cold War. That foggy morality is indefensible. We need to clean up our own houses a little, but also defend what is right, because it is right, not because it is expedient.

WAITING LISTS:

RoboRally: Petrie, Crandlemire, Nattrass. 1-5 more needed (ownership useful but unnecessary)
Diplomacy: Addison, White, Nattrass, Clarke 3 more needed *Lewis?*
Youngstown Diplomacy: White, Martin, Addison, Craig 5 more needed
Vein Rats Diplomacy: Petrie, 6 more needed
Fog Of War Diplomacy: White. 6 more needed. Rules last issue.
Railway Rivals: Henner-Leipzig (recing rules): Charlton, Martin, Bien. 1 or 2 more needed.
Otago-Southland (eco rules): Charlton, Martin, Bien, Von Metzke. 1 more needed.
Waikato (eco rules): Charlton, Martin, Bien, Von Metzke. 1-2 more needed.
Journeys of St Paul: Craig, Charlton, Crandlemire. 1-3 more needed. Rules sent when full.
Maharaja: Martin, Crandlemire. 2 more needed (Britannie in India: from the Greeks to the Brits)
Sopwith: Crandlemire 5 more needed
Brighton Ave/Bonnie Brae/Banbury Merton St: jump right in and play!!!
Quiz: send in your answers!

REPLACEMENT URGENTLY NEEDED FOR:

Gunboat Dip (Bohemie): ITA.

Send in orders if you want to take it up!

STANDBYS: Wooden Ships: Nattrass, Clarke.

Railway Rivals: Pitt Crandlemire called for ZEX in "Aliwal" this turn.

Sopwith: Crandlemire

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Public Places

A Heavenly Railway Links Two Sides of L.A.

After an absence of 27 years, "Olivet" and "Sinai" once again will carry passengers up Bunker Hill on the Angels Flight inclined railway, which reopens late next month.

Constructed in 1901, the funicular is counterbalanced so that as one car rises, the other descends. It carried tourists and residents up and down from Los Angeles' business district until it was closed by the city in 1969.

At the bottom of the hill, Angels Flight Plaza is nearing completion. The plaza will connect the Red Line subway to Angels Flight and a new stairway that will climb the hill beside the funicular. Across Hill Street, an outdoor dining court is planned next to Grand Central Market. The projects are part of Angels Walk, an ambitious plan to make downtown more pedestrian friendly.

JOHN H. WELBORNE, president of the Angels Flight Railway Foundation, spoke with Public Places columnist JANE SPILLER.

Question: Did you ever ride on the original Angels Flight?

Answer: As a child, I came down with my parents to take rides. My memories are prejudiced by Ed Penney's film where you can hear the bell and horn and

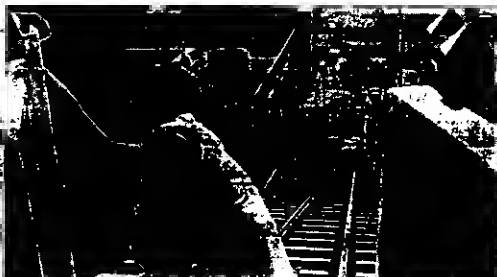
resurrect the memories they have been of *deja vu*. It is like an old friend, much somebody coming back into life. I think that will be the experience thousands of people.

Q: What's the history of Angels Flight and Bunker Hill?

A: When the Indians were here, Bunker Hill was just a hill. Later, presumably it had a bunker, as Ft. Moore was at the top of the hill. When my grandmother lived here from 1895 to 1900, Ft. Moore had become Los Angeles High School.

By the time Col. J.W. Eddy got a franchise and put in Angels Flight, Bunker Hill was a residential district of Victorian frame houses. People would ride to shops down below on Spring Street and Broadway and Los Angeles Street. Then there was western migration and expansion of the city and a lot of those houses became rooming houses. By the late 1940s and early '50s, Bunker Hill was regarded as a slum area. Under the California Redevelopment Act, the area became an urban renewal project and everything was demolished. The plan was to put Angels Flight back later as part of the California Plaza third phase. But that fell apart with the collapse of

Project superintendent Brian Leahey walks by the Hill-Street Arch of Angels Flight, right, as other construction officials confer on the tracks. Below, a painter puts finishing touches on the Bunker Hill gates.



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JANE SPILLER
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the real estate market, so a lot of us pushed to get the Community Redevelopment Agency to do it independently. The city is turning Angels Flight back over to the private sector through the Angels Flight Railway Foundation, which will run it in the public interest. The fare's only going to be a quarter. It was nickel up to 1969.

Q: What are your goals for Angels Flight?

A: It has long been felt that Bunker Hill was a barrier; the people at the top were the corporate banker types and the people at the bottom generally were Latinos enjoying the street life on Broadway. Angels Flight is an invitation for one group to come up the hill and enjoy the free concerts at the Watercourt and for the other to go down and enjoy the historic core. For the grand opening festival Feb. 24-25, we're closing Hill Street between Third and Fourth. You can walk through the Grand Central



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Market, by carnival rides and food booths on Hill Street and go up the new stairway or take Angels Flight up to the Watercourt, where there'll be bands playing, and wander over to the Museum of Contemporary Art. Angels Flight is central to everybody, it's a place to come together.

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Ben Easton, Games Inventor Extraordinaire sent me the following game which he offers on a 48hr automated turnaround by email. To join his electronic version, send an email to fat.egnus@xtra.co.nz The subject must be Sign-up and the body of the message must be Cutthroat <younamehere> and it must include the < & > signs. Turns are processed Mon, Wed & Fri at 7pm NZ std time. I presume it is fat.agnus and not fat.angus?

To play here, just sign up to a waiting list. I guess 5 players is all we need to start, but the more the merrier.

The rules of Cutthroat, a fast-paced word game ©Morland Games 1993 (which is Ben Easton in a business suit), adapted for postal play by sticking it in an envelope and nailing it to a mailman (preferably the USPS). Hey, do any Americans know if I can get a plastic kitset of those dinky electric mailcarts they use to deliver your mail? I'd preferably. Our mailmen have bicycles.

The game is basically Hangman writ large. Each player submits a sentence/phrase/message (in English!) including spaces as necessary, say 40 characters long. These are placed one under the other by the GM to form a grid 40 characters by as-many-as-there-are-players. The GM knows the real letters. Initially the grid is blank for the players. With fewer players, the GM may add his own messages to enlarge the grid, but these will not have active players. Each player uses his points allowance each turn to guess letters as in hangman.

- 1) You begin the game with 1000 pts
- 2) You can spend a maximum of 100 pts per turn
- 3) Actions have different points values as follows:

Guess a sentence	50pts
Drop a letter down a column	10pts
Fire a letter across a row	15pts

3a) For all rules, the word 'letter' includes spaces. Alternatively the GM may require all messages to have no spaces, to make things a little harder.

4) Any letter dropped or fired that matches letters in the grid along the row/column dropped/fired is revealed. E.g. if I drop a 'v' in column 38, any v's in that column become visible for the rest of the game, viewable by all players. Note that you can 'hit' your own text as well as your opponents'.

5) Players are eliminated as soon as their entire message is displayed.

6) The winner is the last player left with an unguessed/partly invisible message on the grid.

7) In the event of a tie for winning... ask Ben! I guess it is a tie, the winner was the one who did not fire a letter across the row of the other, and then if still tied, any other criteria I deem appropriate, which may be athletic, psychological, sexual or any combination of all three (ie the we-don't-like-your-face clause).

Any takers for an indigenous word-game?

The Amazing Adventures of the Combustible Colin and his Charming wife Helen



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